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News Highlights, August 31 - September 6

Salisbury Post

Joseph Bathanti named N.C. Poet Laureate

Award-winning poet, professor and advocate for literacy, Joseph Bathanti, of Vilas, has been named North Carolina's Poet Laureate by Gov. Bev Perdue. ... North Carolina's seventh poet laureate, Bathanti will be installed during a public celebration scheduled Thursday, Sept. 20 at 4:30 p.m. at the State Capitol. Read more [here](#).

Asheville Citizen-Times

Mountain music has financial impact around Asheville

Good old mountain music is sounding sweeter than ever, with a just released study showing a \$20.7 million financial impact from 26 local traditional music events. The study, by the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area Partnership and N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, also shows traditional music venues and events are big tourist attractions. Read more [here](#).

Winston-Salem Journal

Editorial: Theater district, worth studying, could unite area arts venues

We could be building on our own success if the Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County succeeds in creating a theater district downtown. The council recently received a \$30,000 grant to study the feasibility of doing just that, building on the success of the Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts on Spruce Street. Read more [here](#).

Jacksonville Daily News

Queen Anne's Revenge dive expedition begins this week

The artifacts raised from the Queen Anne's Revenge shipwreck site in the coming weeks will be smaller in size but big in excitement. An eight-week dive expedition begins this week with final preparations for work in Beaufort Inlet at the wreckage of the ship considered to be the flagship of the infamous pirate Blackbeard. Read more [here](#).

Outer Banks Sentinel

'America's music' coming to Festival Park

The first annual Outer Banks Bluegrass Festival is set for Oct. 5 and 6 at Roanoke Island Festival Park. "I'm excited," says event organizer Cory Hemilright. "It's really coming together, and tickets are selling like crazy." He added that the festival might sell out. Read more [here](#).

New Bern Sun-Journal

[Annual Spaight-Stanly duel draws a crowd](#)

The rhetoric of recent campaigning highlight the passion of different political persuasions. But those differences are expected be settled differently in North Carolina, partially as a result of a duel reenacted on Labor Day on the Tryon Palace South Lawn. Read more [here](#).

Independent Weekly

[NCMA delivers an international roster of contemporary video artists](#)

There's a small dark room at the North Carolina Museum of Art that has the potential to radically expand your knowledge about contemporary art. From now through the beginning of June 2013, you might consider getting over to the museum every two months and devoting about an hour and a half to sitting in that small dark room. Read more [here](#).

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['Gone With the Wind' exhibit blows into NC museum](#)

A new exhibit at the North Carolina Museum of History features props and items from the classic film "Gone With the Wind." See a "Tar Heel Traveler" segment [here](#). Read more [here](#).

Fayetteville Observer

[Editorial: Need a break? Why not try the North Carolina Symphony](#)

Summer's over and the Labor Day weekend has flown by, leaving most folks tethered to school or workplace. But the beach owns no monopoly on fun. The North Carolina Symphony begins its 2012-13 Fayetteville Series on Sept. 27, at Fayetteville State University. Read more [here](#).

Sanford Herald

[Endor Iron Furnace frozen in time, but not forgotten](#)

A local hidden gem, constructed during the Civil War, is in desperate need of repair. The effort to restore the landmark, in the works for decades, has proven to be no easy feat. The Endor Iron Furnace sits more than 30 feet tall on the banks of Deep River in northern Lee County. The stone structure that once produced 127 tons of pig iron in 1863 has deteriorated during the many years of non-use. Read more [here](#).

Wilmington Star News

[Deadline nears to apply for Regional Artist Project Grants](#)

The deadline is approaching to submit applications for Regional Artist Project Grants from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County. Sept. 10 is the due date for applications for the 2013 cycle, but artists should begin the process well in advance of the deadline, said Mary Kinney, the arts council's marketing director. Read more [here](#).